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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re/ Application of
Virginia Freedman and Zebunnissa Ramtoola
U.S. Application No. 08/722,045
Filed October 4, 1996
Confirmation No. 3646

Examiner: James Spear
Art Unit: 1615

Effervescent Pharmaceutical Formulations
Containing Controlled Release Biodegradable Microcapsules

(Atty. Docket No. P26,487-A USA)

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003 be extended three months from July 9, 2003 to October 9, 2003.

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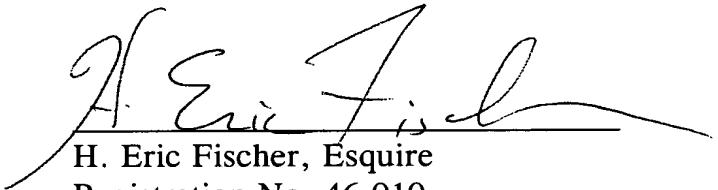
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A check which includes \$950 to cover the extension fee is enclosed. If there is any error in the fee submitted, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this Petition is attached for charging purposes if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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